

## About the State

1. Going On in Different Sections of Kentucky.

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### INDICTMENTS RETURNED

Against Persons Alleged To Have Been in Elmburg Raid.

Shelbyville, Ky.—The grand jury of Shelby county returned into circuit court 18 indictments against persons alleged to have been in the Elmburg raid in this county on March 25 last. The indicted parties are residents of this county and of Franklin county, which adjoins. They are well-known farmers of their sections. The Shelby county men appeared in court and each gave bond in the sum of \$500. The indicted men are accused of destroying a lot of tobacco canvas at Hall Brothers' store at Elmburg. On this charge they were dismissed in the county court a week ago. They are accused of banding together and confederating for the purpose of destroying property. The grand jury continues in session here and more indictments will likely be returned, as Commonwealth Attorney C. H. Hanford, of Newcastle, says he proposes to have every night rider in his district prosecuted.

### COURT INFESTED

With Hangers-On, Declares Louisville Police Judge.

Louisville, Ky.—Following his amendment of the witness oath by striking out "So help me God," Police Judge J. Wheeler McGee instituted a campaign against "graffers."

He ordered one man out of the courtroom for good because he had been seen talking to a prisoner in the cage. McGee said that the police court is infested with men who have no legitimate business in it, and he will try them for contempt if they come back a second time.

As soon as Criminal Judge Prior overruled a demurrer to an indictment against Dr. S. A. Bradley, former meat inspector, he was notified by Attorney Frank Hagan that a change of venue would be sought. Bradley is accused of bribery and embezzlement while in office.

### The Girls Went Snipe Hunting.

Frankfort, Ky.—An old trick was the means of a practical joke played on a party of society girls here by a number of young men on a camping trip. The girls were taken snipe hunting and held the bag in the chilly atmosphere. It took an hour and a half for the girls to discover they had been duped, and they indignantly started for home—the men in the party following at a safe distance.

### Suits For Taxes.

Lexington, Ky.—State Revenue Agent George Denay filed suit against seven banks and trust companies in this city for back taxes on their furniture and fixtures. Some of the suits cover as far back as 1902. He also filed a suit against the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for back taxes on cash and notes amounting to \$7,000.

### Clerk Took a Hand.

Hopkinsville, Ky.—Another kink was put in the already badly tangled Christian county shirivalt case, when Circuit Clerk Clark granted a temporary injunction requiring Sheriff Smith to surrender the office and prohibiting him from further performing the functions.

### New Point Decided.

London, Ky.—In dismissing a damage case of Vaughan against Woman's Home Mission society of the M. E. church, South, Circuit Judge Faulkner held that a charitable society conducting without profit an educational institution is not liable for damages resulting from accidental injuries.

### Judge Recognized Smith.

Hopkinsville, Ky.—Circuit court began for a four weeks' term. Judge Cook swore in Sheriff David Smith as officer of the court, refusing to recognize J. M. Renshaw. In his charge to the grand jury Judge Cook paid special attention to perjury, night riding and the trusts.

### Taylor Appointed.

Washington.—The most important Kentucky patronage question now pending has been settled, although there will be no formal announcement until after congress adjourns. The president has decided to appoint J. Frank Taylor, of Glasgow, surveyor of the Port of Louisville.

### Died At His Post.

Louisville, Ky.—While making out his daily report Fred L. Walton, 65, engineer of the government dredgeboat Louisville, dropped dead of heart disease. He was the longest serving engineer on the river in the government fleet.

### Long Service Rewarded.

Georgetown, Ky.—Dr. Arthur Yager was elected president of Georgetown College. Since the resignation of Dr. J. J. Taylor, one year ago, the former served as chairman of the faculty, a position he has several times held.

### Increased a Reward.

Frankfort, Ky.—Residents of Jetta have offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the unknown parties who made a murderous assault on a party of young people taking a hay ride one night last week.

## ONE BIG COMBINE

FORCE OF MAIL-ORDER PRESS AGAINST COUNTRY TOWNS.

### ADVERTISING THAT COUNTS

How Money and Trade Are Centralized in Great Cities to the Loss of the People in Agricultural Sections.

"These are the days of trusts and this is an era of trusts," writes W. D. Percival, late publisher of the Stanton (Neb.) Picket. "It is contended that there are some good trusts, but when the X-rays of investigation have been turned upon them it has been impossible to locate the good points. To-day the most menacing trust in the world is the commercial combination that is intended to destroy the retail trade of the country, diverting it into the great money centers. This has reference to the catalogue houses that have grown up in the large cities within the past few years. We can all remember not long ago when there was a country store at every cross-roads and at the same time there were prosperous towns every few miles along every railroad. In each one of these towns there were from two to half a dozen general stores, besides the other stores that were handling special lines. They all enjoyed a good trade and sold goods at reasonable profits.

"To-day, in every agricultural and industrial section of the country you can notice the results that have been brought about by the catalogue houses. The cross-roads stores have gone, and in the towns business houses have been vacated, their windows boarded up and the former occupants driven into bankruptcy or other occupations. Not that the catalogue houses have sold cheaper than the small merchants, but they have flooded the country with catalogues and advertisements, turning away the trade that rightfully belonged at home. These catalogue houses are owned and managed by able business men, built upon the broad gauge plan, who realize the benefits to be derived from advertising. They have organized an advertising campaign and each year they are spending fortunes, not only publishing and sending out catalogues, but they have built up a combination of newspapers that are nothing but mail-order journals. It is shown that the combined circulation of these sheets aggregate 32,000,000 copies per month. These they send broadcast over the country at their own expense. They do not stop at this, but go into every magazine, agricultural, religious and other paper that will accept their advertising. They pay the top price for this advertising and in this way they are enabled to reach about every farmer in the land. They set aside each year millions of dollars for advertising.

"Thus it will be seen that the catalogue houses and certain classes of publishers are in a combine that constitutes one of the most damnable trusts ever known. So far the country press, although frequently approached, has turned a deaf ear to the siren voice of these destroyers of home trade. In return for this, the country merchants should be liberal in their patronage of the local papers, which have demonstrated that they are true friends in a time of need. The mail-order houses are in the business for money and the only way to combat them is to agree upon a line of action. The country press and the country merchants must get together and start a campaign of education. The country press is on the right side and by all working together and for one purpose, the grip now enjoyed by the catalogue houses can be broken and trade turned back into its legitimate channels."

### Frog Farming; A New Industry.

Frog farming is destined sooner or later to become a very important national industry. I predict that within a very few years few farmers will neglect to utilize their waste swampy land for the rearing of frogs for the market. Already the United States uses more frogs in six months, it is claimed, than France does in a year. The value of the annual catch in the United States is fully \$200,000 and the gross value to the hunters is more than \$50,000. There is not the slightest doubt in the world that were frogs available the value of the annual catch would leap at once to more than a million dollars.—Technical World.

### He Was Also an Expert.

A strange story comes from one of the Balkan states, where commercial morality is still in its infancy. At a recent banquet given at the home of the prime minister a distinguished diplomat complained to his host that the minister of justice, next to whom he was sitting, had taken his watch. The prime minister said: "Ah, he shouldn't have done that. I will get it back for you." Sure enough, towards the end of the evening the watch was returned to its owner. "And what did he say?" asked the guest. "Sh! He does not know I have got it back," said the prime minister.

### No Slippers for Him.

Albert, who is five years old, was recently accompanied by his grandma to select a birthday present for his mother. He wanted "something useful" and, after many rejections, it was suggested that they buy a pair of opera slippers, when he promptly said: "No; mamma's got too many of them now. I wouldn't mind getting button boots, for they can't be taken off so easy."

## IMPROVING THE TOWN.

Necessity for Sewer Systems and Other Sanitary Measures.

Upon the healthfulness of a city depends much of its success and its growth. Towns that are not reputed to be sanitary places are generally evaded by home-seekers. One is often impressed with the fact that in small towns typhoid and malarial fevers are often more frequent and afflict greater numbers according to population than in the large cities. The simple reason for this is the neglect of sanitary improvement.

In the charter of many towns provision for the building of sewerage systems is overlooked, and years and years elapse before any consideration is given to the importance of providing a means for draining away the unwholesome increment that accumulates. Then it is found that there is a great amount of red tape before funds can be raised by taxation or by voting bonds for the building of a sewerage system.

Small towns as well as large cities, generally draw their authority for the making of public improvements from the state. While nearly all the states provide for bonding and the raising of funds for improvements in the larger cities and towns, the towns of 3,000 or 5,000 population are neglected. Within the past two years the state of Nebraska, realizing the necessity of the smaller towns having the privilege of voting bonds and making assessments against property for the building of sewerage systems, enacted a state law covering all the points involved. This law has already been beneficial, a number of the incorporated villages and towns having commenced the building of sewerage systems.

It is always well when contemplating the building of sewers to estimate that the town is likely to grow, and that a system adequate to give necessary drainage for a town of 3,000 would be inadequate for a town twice the size, and as the town grows the original plans are found lacking and old sewerage lines of little utility, as they must be replaced by new systems. The economic value of perfect drainage for a town cannot be overestimated. The health of the people is paramount to all other things, and where there are unsanitary conditions a town cannot expect to enjoy the greatest prosperity, though the doctors, who are residents of the place, may have exceptionally good practice.

### BUYERS SHOULD BEWARE.

Infringements of Patents by Concerns Doing a Mail-Order Business.

Recently the United States circuit court for the southern district of New York handed down a decision which is of particular interest to thousands of farmers throughout the land. Two large manufacturers of cream separators instituted a suit for infringement of their patents against one of the largest mail-order houses. The decision of the court was in favor of the complainants and a decree was rendered granting a permanent injunction and master's order on accounting in favor of the complainants. This case has been before the courts for the past two years. It is claimed that thousands of the separators, infringements upon the patents owned by the complainants, have been sold to farmers throughout the country. The laws of the United States forbid the using of patented machines, as well as the making and selling of the same. The court order means that the mail-order concern will be compelled to pay an equitable amount upon each machine manufactured and sold, as well as the payment of other damages on account of such manufacture and sales. It also means that the two companies, who are the complainants, can prevent each purchaser of the infringed cream separator using the same, or to pay a royalty for the using of the same.

The people should derive a lesson from this. It is not safe to purchase any invention put out by a mail-order concern unless there is positive proof that it is not an infringement. Another thing is, were people inclined to patronize home concerns there would be little chance of being imposed upon, and should trouble arise over the validity of any patent, it is much easier to adjust matters with the home merchant than with some foreign mail-order house.

### Ohio-Mississippi Coal Trade.

The Ohio-Mississippi coal trade, which exists to-day, is one of the greatest single movements of cargo in the world. From Pittsburgh to New Orleans is 2,000 miles, all downhill. Coal in 1,000-ton barges is rafted into fleets and towed down this distance by powerful steamboats, at a cost of less than 75 cents a ton, against a railroad rate of about \$4.50—from Pittsburgh to Memphis for 43 cents, against a rail rate of \$2.70. Millions of tons of coal have gone this way and always will go this way, because the boats have only to drift, and those that come back, mostly empty, are not hard to shove upstream.—Everybody's.

### Ear Protection for Gunners.

The British admiralty have given attention to the question of ear protection during heavy gun firing, and it has been decided to use plasticine, with the addition of cotton wool, but the form of ear protection to be used is to be left to the individual choice of officers and men. Plasticine may be supplied to ships and gunnery schools if specially demanded. The addition of 50 to 60 grains of cotton wool has been recommended to insure perfect safety. It is pointed out that the cost of the material is very small and use is desirable in many cases.



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